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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Paul W. Sherer, et al.**Docket No:** 1112.US.CIP**Serial No.:** 09/488,942**Group No.:** 2152**Filed:** January 21, 2000**Examiner:** Dung C. Dinh**For:** PROGRAMMED I/O ETHERNET
ADAPTER WITH EARLY INTERRUPTS
FOR ACCELERATING DATA TRANSFER

March 28, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AFTER R.C.E.

Dear Sir:

This responds to the final Office Action (mailed September 29, 2005) received in connection with the above-captioned application. In conjunction with this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Prosecution and a Request to Extend the Period of Time to respond. Reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks and amendment submitted herein is requested.

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Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.